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MINISTRY OF STEEL, MINES AND FUEL

(Department of Iron and Steel)

RESOLUTIONS

New Delhi, the 5th November 1959

No. SC(A)-2(217)/57.—In their letter No. 63(2)TR/58, dated the 15th January, 1958, Government of India in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry requested the Tariff Commission to examine the representation of Messrs. Indian Iron & Steel Co. Ltd., regarding their increase in the manufacturing cost of pig iron. This was in terms of the assurance given by Government to the Company in November, 1956, that if increases took place in the cost of production for reasons beyond the Company's control (e.g. changes in Railway freight, increase in the statutory price of coal and other fuel, raw materials, changes in labour costs caused by Labour Legislation or adjudication or conciliation awards) such increases would be considered on merits.

2. The Tariff Commission have conducted enquiries and submitted their report. They have recommended a price increase of Rs. 10.64 per ton on a weighted average basis for the period from 1st August, 1954 to 31st March, 1960 for pig iron produced by the Indian Iron and Steel Company.

3. The Government of India have carefully considered the recommendation of the Tariff Commission. Government while accepting the recommendations of the Tariff Commission in regard to the actual increases in costs do not consider that the increases should be given on a weighted average basis. They consider that the increase in costs should be allowed on the basis of actual increases. It has accordingly been decided that the retention prices notified in Government Resolution No. SC(A)-2(113), dated the 20th July, 1956, shall be increased from the respective dates, as indicated below:—

From	1-8-54	Nil
"	1-4-55	Rs. 0.16 per ton
"	18-7-55	Rs. 0.26 " "
"	20-9-55	Rs. 0.59 " "
"	12-11-55	Rs. 0.65 " "
"	18-2-56	Rs. 0.84 " "
"	1-4-56	Rs. 3.18 " "
"	5-7-56	Rs. 10.98 " "
"	15-10-56	Rs. 11.77 " "
"	1-4-57	Rs. 12.86 " "
"	1-7-57	Rs. 14.15 " "
"	8-7-57	Rs. 17.23 " "

4. The Tata Iron & Steel Co. also represented to Government that they are incurring increases in costs in the manufacture of pig iron. The Tariff Commission, after examining the costs of the Tata Iron & Steel Co. and after applying the limited factors of escalation applicable in the case of steel, recommended that the Company are also eligible to a price increase, on a weighted average basis, of Rs. 9.54 per ton for the period 1955-56 to 1959-60. As in the case of Indian Iron & Steel Co., Government propose to accept the recommendation on the basis of actual increases instead of on a weighted average basis. The actual increases over the current retention prices for pig iron produced by the Tata Iron & Steel Co. will be as below:—

1955-56	Rs. 0.31 per ton
1956-57	Rs. 7.95 per ton
1957-58	Rs. 12.02 per ton
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1959-60	Rs. 12.02 per ton

5. Government of India have also decided that as the pig iron produced at Burnpur Works has not yet been separately costed, the increase in prices recommended by the Tariff Commission and accepted by Government, in para 3 above should be applied to the Kulti pig iron, till the Kulti Plant ceased to operate and to the corresponding grades of pig iron produced at the Burnpur Works upto the 31st March, 1958 finally, and thereafter provisionally.

6. It is the intention that the prices of pig iron produced at Burnpur after the 1st April, 1958 should be examined separately and adjustments based on costing made later.

7. Government also consider that the prices revealed by the costing of pig iron manufactured at the Burnpur Works of M/s. IISCO, shall apply provisionally to the corresponding grades of pig iron produced by M/s. Hindustan Steel Limited.

ORDER

Ordered that a copy of this Resolution be communicated to all concerned and that it be published in the Gazette of India Extraordinary.

Iron and Steel Advisory Council

No. SC(A)-4(493)/59.—The Government of India have decided to constitute an Iron and Steel Advisory Council, to advise on all matters of a general character relating to iron and steel, and in particular to problems pertaining to production, distribution, transport, research, import and export.

2. The composition of the Council will be as follows:

(i) Minister for Steel, Mines and Fuel—Chairman.

(ii) Two ex-officio Members—

(a) The President, Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry, or his nominee.

(b) The President, Associated Chamber of Commerce of India, or his nominee.

(iii) Not more than twentyone members nominated by the Government of India who are, in its opinion, capable of representing the interests of producers, consumers, the trade, and mining and allied interests.

(iv) Eight representatives of the concerned Ministries of the Government of India.

(v) Secretary, Department of Iron and Steel.

(vi) Iron and Steel Controller—Member-Secretary.

3. The Chairman may also specially invite any other person or persons to represent the iron and steel industry or trade or consumers to attend the meeting of the Council.

4. The Council will meet at least twice a year. The Council is constituted for a term of two years.

ORDER

Ordered that this may be published in the Gazette of India Extraordinary for general information.

S. BHOTHALINGAM, Secy.